STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: MTE Financial Group dba Paycheck Today 515 GSE
Miami, OK 74355, or 147 Alberqurque
NM 87123

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

(For violations of section 23005 of the California Financial Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

- 1. At all relevant times herein, MTE Financial Group dba Paycheck Today ("MTE") is, or was, an entity whose legal status is unknown. MTE originates or offers payday loans to California residents over the Internet through Internet-based companies that purportedly match borrowers with lenders.
- 2. MTE engages in the business of originating, or offering to originate deferred deposit transactions (commonly referred to as "payday loans") over the Internet to the general public, including California residents.
- 3. A deferred deposit transaction is a written transaction whereby one person gives funds to another person upon receipt of a personal check, and it is agreed that the personal check would not be deposited until a later date. "Personal check" referenced in Financial Code section 23001 includes "the electronic equivalent of a personal check".
- 4. Since at least April 2007, and continuing thereafter, MTE has originated or offered to originate deferred deposit transactions to at least two California residents. Under MTE's Internet-based deferred deposit transactions, the borrower provides details of his or her account, which s/he authorizes the lender to debit electronically on the due date.
- 5 MTE originated deferred deposit transactions with California residents, which authorized MTE to electronically debit the borrowers' accounts by means of an Automated Clearing House with the loan amount, fees and charges, on the due date.

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- 6. MTE has not been issued a license by the California Corporations Commissioner authorizing it to engage in the business of originating deferred deposit transactions under the California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law (California Financial Code § 23000 et seq.).
- 7. MTE is not exempt from the licensing requirements of California Financial Code section 23005.
- 8. By reason of the foregoing, MTE has engaged in the business of originating or offering to originate deferred deposit transactions without having first obtained a license from the California Corporations Commissioner in violation of California Financial Code section 23005.

Pursuant to California Financial Code section 23050, MTE Financial Group dba Paycheck Today is hereby ordered to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of deferred deposit transactions, including but not limited to, originating or offering to originate deferred deposit transactions in the State of California without first obtaining a license from the California Corporations Commissioner, or otherwise being exempt. This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of consumers and is consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of the California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law. This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commissioner.

California Financial Code section 23050 provides

Whenever, in the opinion of the commissioner, any person is engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions, as defined in this division, without a license from the commissioner. . . the commissioner may order that person or licensee to desist and to refrain from engaging in the business If, within 30 days, after the order is served, a written request for a hearing is filed and no hearing is held within 30 days thereafter, the order is rescinded.

Dated: June 27, 2008 Los Angeles, California

PRESTON DuFAUCHARD
California Corporations Commissioner

By______ALAN S. WEINGER
Acting Deputy Commissioner